

U.S. Appln. No. 10/036,870
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Reply to Office Action of March 16, 2006
Docket No. 7042-4

ELECTION

As noted above, Applicant respectfully Elects "Invention I" having claims 1-5 and claims 8-15 with traverse. Claims 6 and 7 as originally filed may have been considered distinct from the Elected claims, but as currently amended, they should be not be considered patentably distinct. As amended, claims 6 and 7 should each be considered linking claims to claim 1.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing proposed amendment presents amended claims 6 and 7, original claims 4-7, 9-10, and 12-13 and previously presented claims 1, 2, 3, 8 and 11 and claims 14-15. As a result of this amendment, claims 1-15 remain in the application. Allowance of claims 1-15 as amended is respectfully requested.

Consequently, an indication of allowability is respectfully requested. Should any minor points remain prior to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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